The proposed allocation in Xth plan for GPRA is 800 crores. However, the actual allocation is yet to be confirmed. The number of units proposed to be constructed is about 7700 units subject to the full allocation proposed for Xth plan.

Funds to Maharashtra under Valmiki Ambedkar-Housing Scheme

2657. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed by Government to Maharashtra under the Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme;

(b) whether Government would provide the implementation report of this scheme for Mumbai Sub-urban district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), Central subsidy to the tune of Rs.1198.00 lakh and Rs.65.60 lakh have been released to Maharashtra during the financial year 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

(b) and (c) The implementing agency had submitted proposal for construction of 597 Aqua Privy Toilet Seats *i.e.*, 45 seats in Mumbai and 552 seats in Mumbai Sub-urban Districts with a higher ceiling cost than what was premissible. Therefore later on, the agency has submitted revised proposal to construct water closet type toilet seats according to the prescribed ceiling limit for the consideration of the Government.

Property tax in houses in unauthorised colonies in Delhi

2658. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to impose property tax on the houses in unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether civic amenities like electricity, roads, sewage etc. have been provided in these colonies; and

(d) if so, the number of such colonies and the reasons for levying the property tax in these colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that no

exemption has been granted in levying property tax in respect of private properties in unauthorized colonies and assessments/recoveries of taxes are made in accordance with the provisions of NDMC Act 1994. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has also reported that property tax is being levied on most of the houses in unauthorized colonies in accordance with the rules laid down on the subject.

The Hon'ble Delhi High Court has permitted supply of electricity and water to the pre-1993 unauthorised colonies. It has also permitted construction of roads and drains in such unauthorized colonies on private land. Action is being taken by local bodies/Authority from time to time accordingly.

Dilapidated condition of Govt. quarters in Kali Bari Marg

†2659. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government quarters situated at K,H and J Blocks in Kali Bari Marg are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) whether the balconies and roofs of the quarters are heavily damaged and the outside plasters have also been eroded;

(c) if so, the reasons for not repairing these quarters; and

(d) by when Government propose to get these quarters repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPEMNT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. The quarters situated at K,H and J Blocks at Kali Bari Marg are not in dilapidated condition. However some distress is seen in a few quarters.

(b) Balconies of 15 quarters are damaged. In some quarters the external plasters has started peeling off and distress is seen in some chajjas and roof projections.

(c) Repair works is a continuous process and is carried out within the available budget. Separate tender for repair of quarters where stress is seen in K,H and J Blocks at Kali Bari Marg are being invited.

(d) The repair work will be started at the earliest and completed in next financial year subject to availability of funds and subject to cooperation extended by allottees in allowing repair work to be carried in their houses.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.